

1 **Remarks/Arguments:**

2 This Request for Continued Examination is submitted in response to the Office action
3 dated February 21, 2006. The undersigned submits herewith the required fee for filling the
4 Request for Continued Examination in the amount of \$395, along with a request for a one
5 month extension of time to and including June 21, 2006 by which to respond, along with the
6 required extension fee in the amount of \$60 for a small entity.

7 Independent claims 1 and 5 are currently amended and dependent claims 2 and 6 are
8 hereby canceled. Before discussing the amended independent claims, the undersigned
9 addresses the objection under 35 USC 112 to claims 1 and 5. In the Office action, claims 1
10 and 5 are rejected on the ground that the phrases, "removable cover sheet" and "sign includes
11 said alphanumeric information on said removable cover sheet and a graphic image from one
12 of said opaque sheets" are not supported by the specification. The undersigned submits that
13 those phrases are supported by the specification. In particular, page 4 of the specification,
14 lines 5-7, provides:

15 "The signage system is also highly portable in that, if the individual
16 to whom the sign pertains is transferred to a new cubicle or office, the
17 transparency and sheets 41-49 are quickly removed by the employee and
simply transported to his or her new location." (emphasis added)

18 The word "transparency" in the above excerpt refers specifically to the transparency or cover
19 sheet 30 as referred to at page 4, line 15, page 4, line 19, page 4, line 20, and page 4, line 3.
20 The above quoted language from page 4 of the specification indicates that the "transparency"
21 or cover sheet 30 can be "quickly removed."

22 The removableness of the cover sheet is also supported by the language at page 4,
23 lines 17-26, of the specification together with Figs. 1-5. That part of the specification and Fig.
24 1 show that the cover sheet is simply inserted between the supporting frame 10 and the plastic
25 lens 20 along with the opaque sheets 41-49, the cover sheet 30 being placed adjacent the
26 plastic lens 20.

1 The undersigned submits that the specification excerpts noted above also support the
2 language "sign includes said alphanumeric information on said removable cover sheet and a
3 graphic image from one of said opaque sheets." In particular, page 4, lines 20-22, indicates
4 specifically that Fig. 3 illustrates the appearance of the sign when sheet 42 has been placed
5 adjacent and behind transparency or cover sheet 30. Page 1 of the specification, lines 11 and
6 12, states that "The selected graphic image is viewable through the transparent cover." The
7 transparent cover 30 shown on Fig. 3 clearly displays the alphanumeric information "JANE
8 DOE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR" printed on cover sheet 30, which is clearly viewable along with
9 the graphic image 52 of the palm trees carried on opaque sheet 42 as shown in Fig. 3.

10 Finally, the language objected to is also supported by page 1 of the specification, lines
11 11-12, which states "The selected graphic image is viewable through the transparent cover."

12 The undersigned submits that the above excerpts from the specification, read together
13 with the figures, clearly support the phrases objected to in those claims under 35 USC 112.


14 With respect to the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 112, applicants have canceled
15 claims 2 and 6.

16 With respect to the rejection of all claims based on the Mirza reference, the
17 undersigned submits that independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended in a fashion to
18 clearly distinguish and render those claims patentable over Mirza. Amended claims 1 and 5
19 recite that a single viewer looking at the sign sees alphanumeric information on the cover
20 sheet and a graphic image on one or more of the opaque sheets. This feature is the key
21 feature of the present invention and is simply not taught or suggested by Mirza. Mirza does
22 teach a sign capable of displaying two images, but not viewable by a single viewer.

1 For the above reasons, the undersigned submits that claims 1, 3-5 and 7 remaining in
2 the case are allowable and favorable action is requested.

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